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SUBJECT: IRAQI INITIATIVE ON SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

REF: KUALA LUMPU 1178

1. NEWLY-ASSIGNED INDONESIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR SUROSO TOLD
EMBOFF MARCH 19 THAT IRAQ HAS CIRCULARIZED ISLAMIC GOVTS ON
POSSIBILITY HOLDING CONFERENCE ON MUSLIM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS (NGO'S) TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF SUPPRESSION OF SOUTHERN
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PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS. CONFERENCE, WITH NO SPECIFICS GIVEN AS TO

DATE OR VENUE, WOULD BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF ISLAMIC MISSIONARY, WELFARE, STUDENT, YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL BODIES. ACCORDING TO SUROSO, GOI FEARS THAT IRAQI PROPOSAL MAY GATHER MOMENTUM AND CONFERENCE, IF HELD, WILL FURTHER EXACERBATE GOM-GOP TENSIONS ON SOUTHER PHILIPPINE PROBLEM.

2. COMMENT: IF PORPOSAL FOR NGO CONFERENCE GAINS ACCEPTANCE FROM SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ISLAMIC GOVTS, GOM WOULD FIND PRESSURE FROM LOCAL YOUTH AND MISSIONARY GROUPS IRRESISTIBLE, EVEN THOUGH GOM TO SOME EXTENT CAN INFLUENCE THESE ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FINANCIAL AID AND MOST ARE AFFILIATED WITH GOVT UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS NATIONAL YOUTH CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL.
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